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1. MINISTER-WITHOUT-PORTFOLIO CHOU SHU-KAI AT HIS BREAKFAST MARCH 11 TURNED TO QUESTION OF NORMALIZATION, CARRYING ON FROM CONVERSATION RECORDED REFTEL. I SAID I DID NOT ANTICIPATE HAVING MUCH MORE INFORMATION UNTIL "INTENSIVE REVIEW" MENTIONED BY SECRETARY VANCE WILL HAVE BEEN COMPLETED. CHOU REPEATED HIS EARLIER EMPHASIS ON IMPORTANCE OF PRIOR CONSULTATION; HE SAID THAT WHILE THE MUTUAL SECURITY TREATY, WHICH HAS RECEIVED MOST ATTENTION, IS PERHAPS THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE, NEVERTHELESS THERE ARE SOMETHING LIKE 570OTHER TREATIES AND AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE ROC AND THE US AND IN MANY CASES AT LEAST SOME PROVISION WILL HAVE TO BE MADE FOR THE FUTURE CONDUCT OF RELATIONS IN THOSE FIELDS UNLESS IT IS POSSIBLE FOR THE PROVISIONS OF THE TREATIES TO CONTINUE TO HAVE EFFECT. I ACKNOWLEDGED THESE PROBLEMS AND SAID THEY ARE ALSO WELL UNDERSTOOD IN WASHINGTON AND WE RECOGNIZED THAT IN MANY CASES THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE SUBSTITUE ARRANGEMENTS SO THAT TAIWAN'S STABILITY WOULD NOT BE JEOPARDIZED.

2. I ADDED THAT ONE THING HOWEVER SEEMED CLEAR AND COULD BE TAKEN AS A BASIS FOR ROC PLANNING, NAMELY THAT THE USG INTENDS TO MOVE
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TOWARD NORMALIZATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE PRC, EVEN THOUGH IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO SAY WHAT THE TIMING WOULD BE. MINISTER CHOU TOOK THAT IN WITHOUT EVIDENCE OF SURPRISE.
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